BRIDGE ACROSS TENNESSEE RIVER NEAR CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

JANUARY 18, 1897.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Fletcher, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9799.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce have had under consideration House bill 9799, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session, being a bill to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Chattanooga Western Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Tennessee River near Chattanooga," giving the said company more time in which to complete said bridge. Under date of January 9, 1897, the War Department reported on the same, saying: "No objection is known to the passage of the bill by Congress so far as the interests of navigation are concerned." This report is herewith attached.

Office of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, Washington, D. C., January 9, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the reference to this office of a letter, dated the 7th instant, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the House of Representatives, inclosing for the views of the War Department thereon House bill 9799, Fifty-fourth Congress, second session, "A bill to amend an act entitled 'An act to authorize the Chattanooga Western Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Tennessee River near Chattanooga,' giving the said company more time in which to begin and complete said bridge," and in returning the same I beg to say that no objection is known to the passage of the bill by Congress so far as the interests of navigation are concerned.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

A. MACKENZIE, Acting Chief of Engineers.

Hon. Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War.